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PIMA'S PLEA FOR THE COUNTY SEAT

Does Not Blame Safford for Wanting To Be the Capital of the County

WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE IT

Has a Nice Elevated Position on Which to Place the New County Court House

The following communication was received from the Pima County Seat Removal Committee:

EDITOR GUARDIAN:—We are more than pleased to note the "Open Forum" of THE GUARDIAN and we think we will just proceed to use a little of that free space.

We read in the last issue of your valuable paper how generous THE GUARDIAN has always been in the matter of representing the whole county through its columns, and we wonder why some part of the county outside of Safford was not receiving its usual share of representation and being boosted some along the county seat removal line.

Now we suppose that if THE GUARDIAN was called upon to answer that question, the answer would be something like this: "If you want a boost, why don't you boost yourself?" Then we suppose an answer to that should be: "We don't need any boosting or advertising in this little county seat removal race, because this county is not so large and the towns so many that our citizens don't know them well enough to make a choice for the county seat."

We have been greatly interested in "Sully's Column" the last few weeks. Sully is sure a booster and he is fair, too. He tells about the wonderful resources of the county around Safford; Safford's fine lands; Safford's nice cattle; Safford's nice homes; Safford's big mines; Safford's Gila river; Safford's Graham mountains for a summer resort, and a hundred and one things which Safford has to make it the logical place for the county seat, all of which we admit; but listen, Sully, you are not writing the stuff for a lot of mudskulls. The people who read THE GUARDIAN can read between the lines, and they all know the wonderful things you prate about, and they also know that part of that fine land, that Gila river, those big mines and that dear old Mt. Graham belong to someone else besides Safford, so don't try to run away with our river or our mountains, for if you do, we might not vote for you, and besides we would like to have them for ourselves.

The voters of Graham county know that every facility that Safford has that you say makes it the logical place for the county seat, is possessed, or can be, by any other town in the county. We don't see that you have such a big edge over us after all. You talk about your electric lights; who set you the pattern? Pima did. You prate about your water system; who showed you how? Pima, did, and did not have to induce outside capital to start the enterprise, either.

You howl about your two theatres; who told you anything about theatres? Pima showed you what an opera house was before you ever had a dance hall, and Pima also has two theatres.

What did you say about a dancing pavilion? Pima has the best and most up-to-date one in the county now.

Hotels? Safford one, Pima one. Pool halls? Safford two, Pima one. Bridges over which all the people from the north side of the river (and they are numerous and increasing rapidly), must cross when they want to go to the county seat, Pima one, Safford none; but she wants one alright, and who made her think of it. Pima did.

We do not blame Safford, or Sully or John, for wanting the county seat, but we want you to let us want it also, and when we get it we don't want you to be sore about it, because we will put the court house in a nice location, where it will be elevated and prominent, and we will make everything look so nice around it that you will be glad we got it.

Now about "logical location." A logical location would be one that would accommodate the people generally. Now look here, Sully, do you call it logical to move that county seat only five miles, when it would neither reach the center of population nor the geographical center of the county, even at the present time? And say, Sully, if

SUPERVISORS MEET

Engineer Will Estimate Cost of Dredging Gila River to Save Lands

The board of supervisors held its regular monthly meeting Monday.

A committee from Safford, Z. C. Prina and Joe Sullivan, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the board and asked for an appropriation to pay the expenses of an engineer from San Diego, Cal., who has offered to come here and make an estimate of the cost of dredging the Gila river, in order to make a channel and save the lands adjoining the river from being washed away. The board voted the money necessary for the engineer's expenses.

The report of the road viewers for the new road from Hubbard to the new bridge was received by the board, and the date of the hearing for this road was set for the next regular meeting, Monday, June 1st. In the matter of the school bonds of the Geronimo school, which were not taken by the company in Denver, Colo., these bonds were sold to Mr. Knowles, of Geronimo, and he has asked the Bank of Safford to sell the bonds. The board instructed the bank to take up the matter of sale of bonds with some other company.

A petition from the people near Black Rock for a new road from that point to Fort Thomas, was considered by the board, and the following viewers were appointed to view the road: G. J. Hatch, E. P. Bryce and Alex. Layton. The viewers will report at the next regular meeting of the board in June.

A petition for a new road below Matthewsville was presented by Ben Echols and the following viewers were appointed: W. A. Carter, J. E. Follett and Howard McBride. The board issued an order to admit John Weaver to the county hospital.

The board then completed the routine business and adjourned.

A NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

John Parker secured the contract for laying the cement sidewalk in front of the Solomon Commercial Company's big store on Tenth street. The work began Tuesday morning. This was the last link to complete the cement sidewalk on this block and was a much needed improvement.

Vote For County Seat Removal

You and John will take a run down the county, even as far as Ft. Thomas or Geronimo, which said places are in Graham county, not in Safford, you will see, if you will remove the scales from your eyes, a number of farms that bid fair to outstrip anything else in the Gila valley in the course of a very few years, when the western end of this county is built up, as it certainly will be in a very short time, judging by the wonderful development of the last few years. Where would your court house be if it was located at Safford? Answer: As far out of the way as it is now.

When you get back from the trip and get to thinking about Safford being the "logical place" for the county seat, because it is the largest place in the Gila valley, and "always will be," just remember that the Gila valley even is not all of Graham county, and then take an other hike and go from Cork, the shipping point for the Grand Reef Mines, across the mountain, and take a look at that portion of our county, and see the promising future, as well as the splendid present conditions, and we think that you will admit that there are other places outside of Safford, and that it would be rank injustice in locating the county seat to ignore the good citizenship of the western end of the county, and their interest in the future conveniences and privileges of the citizens of Graham county.

Take a look at the Grand Reef mine and its possibilities in the daylight; it was dark when you went over there before, and you stayed up all night to the dance and drank so much coffee that you were nervous. When a city springs up at that place that will lay us all in the shade (which is nearly sure to happen), where would you be then with the county seat in little old Safford?

There are so many things that might be said, but to repeat what we said before, the voters of Graham county are pretty well acquainted in the county.

In conclusion we would suggest to the voters if you are going to remove the county seat don't make the mistake of having it on one edge of our county. It has been in that situation long enough.

Respectfully submitted,
PIMA COUNTY SEAT REMOVAL COMMITTEE.

Senator Ashurst Visits Gila Valley

Senator Henry F. Ashurst, who has been making a tour of the State since his return home from Washington, arrived here Saturday and received a hearty welcome from his friends.

Saturday afternoon, accompanied by A. E. Jacobson, he visited Thatcher and Pima, greeting old friends and making new ones.

Sunday morning, Senator Ashurst and a committee from the Safford Chamber of Commerce, composed of President F. L. Ginter, Major E. H. Roach, Z. C. Prina and Secretary Joe Sullivan, made a trip to the Gila river and had the opportunity of seeing the damage that is being done to the valuable lands on both sides of the river by being washed away every time the river was up.

They visited Mr. Prina's ranch, where over forty acres of land, worth \$200 per acre, had gone into the river. The committee thought Senator Ashurst might be able to do something in the way of bringing to the attention of congress the need of an appropriation to dredge the river and make a channel and prevent the washing away of the farm lands.

Senator Ashurst requested the committee to gather the necessary information about the river's depredations and send it to him at Washington and he would do everything possible to secure the needed relief. Senator Ashurst left Sunday morning for Tucson.

Will Visit the Two Expositions

Mr. and Mrs. Le Roi C. Snow, of Thatcher, left today in their automobile to visit the California Expositions. While away Mr. Snow will attend the Joint Bankers' Convention of the Twelfth District, which includes the seven western states. This important convention will be held in San Francisco. He will also attend in Salt Lake City the annual conference of the Mutual Improvement Associations, of which he is a member of the General Board.

This should be a very enjoyable as well as an educational trip, and Mr. Snow has promised to send a brief account to THE GUARDIAN each week of the journey. While these letters should be of general interest, they will be of special benefit to those who contemplate visiting the expositions, especially by automobile.

The itinerary from here to San Diego includes Globe, the Roosevelt Dam, Mesa, Phoenix, Agua Caliente, Yuma, Imperial and El Centro to San Diego. After spending four days at the San Diego Exposition, the journey will be continued to Los Angeles and then through the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys to Oakland and San Francisco.

A Dutch Cocktail at Brier's Hall

The Safford Volunteer Fire Department will give one of the greatest shows that ever struck the town. It will happen next Tuesday night, May 11th, at Brier's Hall. The title of the play is: "A Dutch Cocktail; or, The Oyster Stew." It will be a scream, a roar, a side-splitter. Don't miss it.

Besides this great play, the returns from the county seat election will be given out as fast as received. And again, a dance, with the latest dance music, will allow you to enjoy the rest of the evening tripping the light fantastic.

Enjoy yourself and help the Fire Laddies raise the money to pay for the new equipment.

For Sale

Eighty-three acres of best farming land in the Gila valley, with five shares San Jose Canal; located one mile above Solomonville; four-room house; hay barn (500 tons of hay), hay scales; corral and stables; 70 acres in alfalfa, 13 acres in wheat, good for 500 sacks. First cutting of hay averages 150 tons; second, 155 tons; third, 145 tons; fourth, 140 tons; fifth, 135 tons; sixth, 100 tons. Price, \$150.00 per acre, cash; on time, \$175.00 per acre. Apply to CASIMIRO GARCIA, Solomonville, Arizona. adv-11-3t

No Use to Try and Wear Out Your Cold. It Will Wear You Out Instead

Thousands keep on suffering Coughs and Colds through neglect and delay. Why make yourself an easy prey to serious ailments and epidemics as the result of a neglected Cold? Coughs and Colds sap your strength and vitality unless checked in the early stages. Dr. King's New Discovery is what you need—the first dose helps. Your head clears up, you breathe freely and you feel so much better. Buy a bottle today and start taking at once. adv-3-nol

SAFFORD SHOULD BE THE COUNTY SEAT

County seat contests have invariably resulted in the selection of the town best fitted for the civic center. The business facilities of the county seat then react to the benefit of the entire county attracting outside attention, capital and immigration. Thus did Emporia, Kansas, attract Will Allen White, whose genius now is a shining light to Kansas. The material and future welfare of the whole county was considered in the establishment of a site favorable to the growth of an important city and time has vindicated the good judgment of the voters.

There is, in God's plan of the universe, a principle which mankind recognizes as the eternal fitness of things. Applying this principle to Graham county, there is but one place for the county seat, and that place is Safford.

SAFFORD SHOULD BE THE CAPITAL

Is the Business Center and Most Progressive Town in Graham County

HAS BUILT UP TO COUNTY SEAT

Vote "Yes" for County Seat Removal and for Safford, Tuesday, May 11th

The communications from Pima and Thatcher on the county seat removal election which we publish in this week's issue, seek to convey the idea that either Pima or Thatcher have superior claims for the new county seat and that Safford has no right to be a candidate, which seems, to say the least, a very selfish conclusion on the part of both towns.

While the people of Safford were unaware that a county seat removal bill would be introduced in the legislature this session, they very quickly concluded that their town would be a candidate for the new county seat if an election for removing the county seat was held. At the same time, they realized that the other towns in the valley had the same right, and in recognition of this fact, they did not antagonize the rights of other towns in the matter. Safford's claims for the new county seat are those that can be advanced by a progressive people, living in the town which is practically the business center of the county, no matter if that town is not geographically in the center of the county.

Safford is the leading town of Graham county and its people have made it so, and the leading town is generally selected as the capital of a county by the people.

Both Thatcher and Pima have had the same opportunity as Safford during the past thirty years to come to the front as leading towns, and if Safford is further advanced in all improvements that make a live town and business center, it is because its people are more progressive and have always been up to the situation.

There can be no comparison whatever between the electric lighting systems of Safford and Pima. A visit to either town at night will convince anyone of this fact. Neither can there be any comparison between the water systems of Thatcher, Pima or Safford, except in favor of Safford. The very patent fact that Safford has an organized fire department is due to its efficient water system that gives the pressure necessary for the successful operation of fire apparatus, other than a bucket brigade, at the time of a fire.

Without any thought of disparagement of the improvements of any town in the county, rather it is with honest commendation for the progressive spirit shown by the people of every town for those betterments that are so necessary for the best social and business conditions of its people, the people of Safford can truthfully say they have done all this and intend to continue the good work which will make their town the best town in the valley. A very laudable ambition and one that should meet with the approval of every citizen of Graham county, rather than with bitterness and vituperations and condemnation. The very best thought of every

Gila Alumni Enjoy Banquet

The annual meeting and banquet of the Alumni Association of the Academy was held Wednesday evening, at the Academy, Thatcher. About 120 were in attendance. They gathered in the chapel about 8:00 o'clock.

The opening number was a school song, followed by a recitation by Miss Janey Blair. Then came the initiation of the graduating class. Benjamin Blake gave them a rigid catechization, then Mr. Wixom proceeded to blindfold them and examine their heads to determine if their brains were all right. A recitation was then given by Ethel White. The initiated class then gave their class song.

All went to the basement, where a most delicious four-course banquet was served by Miss Fredrickson and her domestic science class.

After dinner, speeches were made by President Kimball and A. C. Peterson. A representative toast was given by a member of each of the former classes. A. C. Peterson gave an interesting review of the careers of the Alumni students.

Re-organization came next. The new officers are: President, Miss Edna Lee; Vice President, Janey Blair; Secretary and Treasurer, Rose Morris; Executive Committee, David Kimball, Lon Matthews and Rosalind Wixom.

Vote For County Seat Removal

Safford Schools Commencement

The Safford-Layton Schools will hold commencement exercises Thursday, May 13th, at Brier's Hall. In the afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, there will be rendered a free program by the entire school. This will be largely the result of actual classroom work in music.

In the evening at 8:00 o'clock, the eighth grade graduating exercises will take place and the following program will be rendered: Invocation.....Rev. G. L. Horene
Class History.....Bertha Lee
Address.....Supt. S. C. Heywood
Presentation of Diplomas.....Supt. S. C. Heywood
Cantata, "Flower Land".....High School Chorus
Class Play, "Every Graduate".....Class of 1915

"Every Graduate" is an exposition of the problems that confront every boy and girl. It is an interesting representation of "Every Graduate's" quest for success.

An admission of 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children will be charged for the evening program. This is charged only to defray expenses.

Just Received

The very latest styles in Ladies' High Cut Shoes. MORRIS SIMON, Safford. adv-12-1t

Get on the big hay ride and go to Pima with the crowd next Friday. Strawberry supper free. Dance tickets, one dollar; ladies free. Pay at the door. Adv-12-1t

How Mrs. Harrod Got Rid of Her Stomach Trouble

"I suffered with stomach trouble for years and tried everything I heard of, but the only relief I got was temporary until last spring I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them at our drug store. I got immediate relief from that dreadful heaviness after eating and from pains in the stomach," writes Mrs. Linda Harrod, Fort Wayne, Ind. For sale by Safford Drug Co. adv-12-4t

citizen of Graham county should be to do everything possible to build up every town in the county and secure for its people all those improvements necessary for a happy and peaceful life. To condemn the people of a town because they are progressive and want to make their town a better town to live in, is not the proper spirit and certainly will not appeal to the citizens at large in the election for county seat removal.

The people of Safford have the same right which it accords to the people of Pima, Thatcher and Central, their opponents for the new county seat, to express to the voters of Graham county every reason possible why the county seat should be located in Safford, and they don't have to and would not, under any circumstances, belittle, condemn or ridicule the claims of any of its opponents, or of any particular citizen, to secure the county seat of Graham county.

The people of Safford know that the people of Graham county know that their reasons for believing their town is the best and most logical place in every way for the new county seat are honestly set forth and with the full belief that their claims are just and right.

STORY OF THE FLOOD

Senator Colter Gives an Interesting Account of the Lyman Dam Break

PHOENIX, ARIZONA, May 7.—Many members of the Second State Legislature are interesting themselves in plans to afford some measure of relief to the stricken people of Apache county, who lost their all by the recent breaking of the Lyman reservoir, near St. Johns.

When it is realized that eight lives were lost and property valued at nearly one-half million dollars was destroyed, the magnitude of the disaster may be partially comprehended.

With this property loss falling almost entirely on men without means, settlers who had pinned their faith to this project for a redemption of the desert waste in order that they might build homes for themselves and their families, the awfulness of the disaster and the necessity for relief may be fully understood.

But little concerning the inception and destruction of the Lyman reservoir has been told, owing to the distance from railway and telegraph communication. Senator Fred T. Colter, of Apache county, tells a very interesting and vivid story of the happening. He said:

"Many people to whom I have talked concerning the breaking of the Lyman reservoir were under the impression that the disaster could have been averted had proper care been taken. Such, however, is not the case. From the time the reservoir started to fill, it has never been without guards or inspectors. Men of experience have always been there to give warning at the first intimation of danger.

"On the night that the reservoir broke, two well known citizens of our county were in charge. Two inspections of the dam were made. Shortly after the watchers had visited the dam at 10:00 o'clock the roar of the bursting dam was heard. A. M. Patton, who was one of the guards, rushed to a telephone in an effort to reach and warn the people of St. Johns. Communication could not be secured, however, and it was not until sometime later that connection was had with Springerville and the frantic appeal of Mr. Patton will ever be remembered in the history of our county. He said: 'The Lyman reservoir has broken. I am unable to do anything more as the house is moving. For Heaven's sake get St. Johns.'

"Mr. Patton, accompanied by several other citizens, then started on a wild run down the canyon, telling the people of the impending danger. When within two miles of St. Johns, the water could be seen all over the lowlands and they knew it was no use to go farther. The water reached St. Johns at 1:00 o'clock in the morning and many of the citizens living near the river were forced to hustle out of their warm beds and plunge into the cold, muddy waters that were more than knee deep. The water swept on in its relentless course, taking out all of the bridges on the State Highway, including those at St. Johns and Hunt, and two bridges above and below Holbrook.

"I cannot tell you just what a hardship the destruction of this reservoir will work on the people of our county. They have exhausted their resources, their money and their credit; their growing crops and young orchards have all been destroyed and they are left without any means of livelihood.

"Another matter of great importance to these unfortunate settlers is the fact that it is likely the patents for their land may be held up by the government, unless the reservoir is reconstructed in the near future. The day that the reservoir went out the government agent inspected the dam with the idea of passing upon the patents for these lands.

"I have not as yet evolved any plan for the relief of the dire necessity of the people of my county, but I hope that in the near future some logical plan will be presented as it will mean much, not only to the people of Apache county, but to the entire State. Had the reservoir not been destroyed there is no doubt that the lands under the project would have meant an increase (within the next six or seven years) to the taxable wealth of the State of more than five million dollars."

PIONEER BAND SERENADE

The Pioneer Band serenaded THE GUARDIAN office and other business places in town Saturday and enjoyed a fine dinner at the Hotel Olive. The old fellows are certainly a happy bunch and delight in making others happy, also. adv-12-1t

Buy Gila Valley Crown Products.

THATCHER WANTS THE COURT HOUSE

Because She Wants to Build Up a Bigger and Better Town

ALSO, SHE HAS OTHER REASONS

Which Are Fully and Clearly Expressed in the Article that Follows

THATCHER, ARIZONA, May 5, 1915.

EDITOR GUARDIAN:—In your issue of May 30th we read in your "Open Forum" the little thing you take at "Rip Van Winkle," which is alright, as the writer never has claimed to be particularly wide awake, nor to be a "thoroughbred," or "live wire," or anything of that kind; just a plain country farmer. But it does look like we would absorb some intelligence from reading that "best weekly in Arizona" for fifteen years.

We went through the long and interesting communications from John F., John J. and Joe to find some good substantial reason why the county seat should be located in Safford, and all three of you claim that it should be there because you have an ice plant, a flour mill and a wholesale house. You cannot claim and will not claim (although you are not particularly modest in your assertions), that you are either in the center of the county, geographically, or population.

The court house should be located where it will be of the greatest convenience to the most people, and not in any place because they have an ice plant, a flour mill, or a wholesale house.

We have no quarrel with Safford or her people, and will be most pleased to hear some good reason advanced by some of her "thoroughbreds," her "live wires," or even from the matchless statesmen, John F., John J., or Joe, some good satisfactory reason why the court house should be moved five miles and located in a place that is not situated to accommodate the majority of the people.

Give us some convincing reasons why we should fall in and vote to help to build this court house in your town, besides the plaintive cry that you have an "ice plant," a "flour mill" and "a creamery," none of which could exist for any length of time only for the patronage they get from other towns, that are so situated that they will be more easily reached by the greatest number of people.

We beg of you, Mr. Editor, not to fill the columns of "the best paper in Arizona" with such stuff, we are willing to go with you if you can show us any good reason why we should.

It surely looks like such men as yourself and that fellow in Phoenix, that knows all about "High Schools," and your man Sully, could give us something that would sound better than what you filled your last issue with. We want the court house in Thatcher because we are the center of population; we want the court house in Thatcher because it is more centrally located than any other town in the valley.

We want the court house, when moved, to be located nearer the center of population and nearer the center of the county geographically. We want the court house for these and many other reasons that could be set out, and among them is that it will help us to build up a bigger and better town.

In closing, as we do not want to trespass on your liberality and on your "Open Forum," but we do not feel we should close without thanking you for your liberality and congratulating you on the nice editorial you indulge in to those who use it, and assuring you that I am very much pleased to know that you have always had such an interest in the welfare of other towns and have taken such an interest in getting the news happenings from them, and surely hope that we are not unappreciative of your untiring efforts in this direction.

Yours truly,

W. W. PACE.

[The above letter gives the full reasons why the Hon. W. W. Pace thinks Thatcher should be selected for the new county seat.—EDITOR.]

Remember the big free strawberry sapper at Pima, Friday, May 14th. At this dance the Fisher Orchestra will furnish the music. Good time for everybody. Adv-12-1t

Vote For County Seat Removal